

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1 and 7-13 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A sales method for selling a literary work using a sale device
, said sale device communicating with a purchaser device via a network, comprising:
selling the literary work; ~~and~~
associating information about the literary work and information about a purchaser that
has purchased said literary work; and
providing said associating ~~information about a purchaser that has purchased the literary~~
~~work via a the network.~~
2. (original) The sales method according to claim 1, wherein the literary work is sold
per units of rights based on a copyright of the literary work.
3. (original) The sales method according to claim 2, wherein the information about
the purchaser is provided per units of the sold rights.
4. (original) The sales method according to claim 2, further comprising:
notifying a seller of the literary work of rights based on the copyright
corresponding to a type of the literary work; and
obtaining from the seller information about the right to be sold, from the notified
rights.
5. (original) The sales method according to claim 1, wherein the information about
the purchaser is provided to an arbitrary person.
6. (original) The sales method according to claim 1, wherein the information about
the purchaser is provided after payment of a purchase price is confirmed.

7. (currently amended) A purchase method for purchasing a literary work using a purchaser device, said purchaser device communicating with a sale device via a network, comprising:

purchasing the literary work; and
being authenticated to be a purchaser of the literary work by publicizing the fact via a the network.

8. (currently amended) A consignment sales method for consigning sale of a literary work using a work seller device, said work seller device communicated with a sale device via a network, comprising:

consigning sale of the literary work per units of rights based on a copyright; ~~and~~
associating information about the right and information about a purchaser that has purchased said right; and

receiving said associating information about ~~a purchaser that has purchased the said~~ right via the network.

9. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium for recording a program for enabling a computer to control the sale of a literary work, said medium is set to said computer, said program to make the a computer perform the process comprising:

selling the literary work; ~~and~~
associating information about the literary work and information a purchaser that has purchased said literary work; and
providing said associating information ~~about a purchaser that has purchased the literary work,~~ via a network.

10. (currently amended) A sale device which is connected to a network and sells a literary work, comprising:

purchase information ~~acquisition~~ associating means for ~~obtaining~~ associating information about the literary work and information about a purchaser that has purchased ~~the said~~ literary work; and

information provision means for providing ~~the said associating~~ information ~~about the purchaser~~ via the network.

11. (currently amended) A sale device which is connected to a network and sells a

literary work, comprising:

a purchase information ~~acquisition~~ associating unit ~~obtaining~~ associating information about the literary work and information about a purchaser that has purchased ~~the said~~ literary work; and

an information provision unit providing ~~the said~~ associating information ~~about the purchaser~~ via the network.

12. (currently amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave and representing a program for enabling a computer to control the sale of a literary work, said program to make the computer perform the process of:

selling the literary work; and

associating information about the literary work and information about a purchaser that has purchased said literary work; and

providing said associating information ~~about a purchaser that has purchased the literary work~~, via a network.

13. (currently amended) A transmission medium for implementing a computer program for enabling a computer to control the sale of a literary work, said program to make the computer to perform the process of:

selling the literary work; and

associating information about the literary work and information about a purchaser that has purchased said literary work; and

providing said associating information ~~about a purchaser that has purchased the literary work~~, via a network.